Percentage of decline in revenue, in 1991-92 compared to the revenue in 1990-91 country-wise is indicated below :—

All India does not operate its flights to any of these countries.

Czechoslovakia	7.80%
Hungary	16.80%
Poland	49.00%
Yugoslavia	58.00%

(c) The revenue still exceeds the cost of maintenance of the offices and so there is no loss of foreign exchange. These offices play an important and useful role in maintaining the pressence of India and its flag carrier in these countries. Furthermore, these offices help generate traffic from the countries which include tourists also.

Merger of Hotel Corporation of India with ITDC

829. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are on by certain persons to merge Hotel Corporation of India a subsidiary of Air India into ITDC with immediate effect;

(b) if so, what is the factual and detailed position thereof with the reasons and justification of the merger proposal, if any; and

(c) by what date the final decision in this regard will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) to (c) The Committee on Public Undertakings (9th Lok Sabha) in their 61st Report, have reiterated their earlier recommendation for merger of Hotel Corporation of India with India Tourism Development Corporation. The modalities are now being examined by a Committee of officials. It is not possible at this stage to say when the final decision will be taken.

Site for New Civilian Airport at GOA

830. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have located any site for new civilian airport in Goa; and

(b) if so, the location of the site and the area proposed to be acquired ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Goa had identified 3 sites. One of these was found unsuitable on technical grounds. Details of the other two sites are yet to be furnished by the State Government.

Tourism in Kulu-Manali Region

831. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn any plan to promote tourism in Kulu-Manali region;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total amount spent on tourism on different spots during the year 1992-93 in that region ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) to (c) Kulu-Manali region of Himachal Pradesh has been included in the travel circuit of Kulu-Manali-Leh which has been identified in the National Action Plan for tourism by the Central Govt. The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has to formulate suitable projects proposal for infrastructural development for the region and field the same to the Central Government for extending financial assistance. So far, no proposal has been received from the State Govt. during 1992-93.

Starting Vayudoot service from Trivandrum and Madurai

832. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start Vayudoot service from Trivandrum to Kanyakumari and Madurai to Kanyakumari in the near future ;

(b) if so, by when such a service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) to (c) Shortage of aircraft capacity and constrant of other resources do not at present permit starting of air services between Kanyakumari and Trivandrum|Madurai by Vayudoot.

वायुदूत के पास विमान

838 **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय वायुदूत के पास कौन-कौन से और कितने विमान हैं तथा इनमें से कितने विमान पुराने हो चुके है और उड़ान के लिए सुरक्षित नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या वायुदूत ने नए विमानों की खरीद हेतु सरकार से अनुदान/वित्तीय सहायता मांगी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) वायुदूत के विमान बेड़े में इस समय आठ डोनियर-228 और आठ एवरो एच. एस.-748 विमान हैं । इनमें से चार डोनियर और तीन एवरो परिचालन में लगे हुए हैं। इन विमानों के लिए नागर विमानन महानिदेशक द्वारा वैध उड़ान-योग्यता प्रमाण-पत्र जारी किए गए हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Contingency plan for Airlines and Hotels

834. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a contingency plan to keep the airlines and the hotel operators functioning in the event of strike by their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) In the event of strike, need based contingency plans are formulated by the respective organisations to ensure that disruption of services is minimum.

Development of Tourism in Punjab

835. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by his Ministry for the development of tourism in the State of Punjab; and